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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 13, 23, 41 and 46 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1 thru 12, 14 thru 22, 24 thru 40, 42 thru 45 and 47 thru 52, as follows:

1. (Currently Once Amended) A tension mask frame assembly for a color cathode ray tube, comprising:

a tension mask formed on a plate, the tension mask including a plurality of strips and including a plurality of slots to separate, by a predetermined distance, corresponding adjacent ones of the plurality of strips;

a plurality of real bridges for respectively partitioning corresponding slots of the plurality of slots at a predetermined pitch interval by connecting adjacent ones of the plurality of strips; [[and]]

a frame for supporting the tension mask, ~~whereby~~ wherein a vertical pitch of the plurality of real bridges in a center portion of the tension mask is greater than a vertical pitch of the plurality of real bridges in a peripheral portion of the tension mask; and

a plurality of dummy bridges, each dummy bridge being formed adjacent to a corresponding slot partitioned by a corresponding one of the plurality of real bridges;

wherein a value M is obtained by dividing a vertical pitch of corresponding ones of the plurality of real bridges by a vertical pitch of corresponding ones of the plurality of dummy bridges, and wherein the value M decreases in a stepwise relation in a direction from the center portion of the tension mask to the peripheral portion of the tension mask.